

SOCIAL LIFE OF WORKING WOMEN

Conditions Which Govern Their Choice of a Home—Need of Wholesome Amusement.

PITFALLS FOR THE GIRLS

Those Who Board Away From Home Face Many Dangers in a Big City.

A sight of the factory does not enable us fully to understand the life of working women. We must know the homes and lodging places, we must know to what extent social life is made possible by the factory management, and in what way outside agencies supply the social privileges that home conditions deny.

The tendency is strong for neighborhood women to go into the factories whose smokestacks have started them in the face since babyhood, and in addition to economizing by saving carfare to and from work. The nearby factory sometimes means a saving in clothing, too, as in the case of the two young girls who went to the neighboring factory because then they didn't have to wear hats as they would if they rode in the car.

The neighborhood to which the working girl goes is less a matter of choice than an accident of birth or convenience. She is born into a family group that has drifted through race afflictions, for cheap rent, or for convenient nearness to the mills to one or another section of the city.

The girl who boards away from home is likewise limited in choice. She is not a figment of the imagination, this girl. On the lowest estimate, there are 105 per cent of the total working women in this class. Poverty sends the weaker to room and board into districts of grade as low, and sometimes lower, than the usual slum. She will hardly find a room to rent in the thickly settled parts of the city for less than \$10 a month. It gave me fresh appreciation of the problem faced by homeless girls to hear a conversation between two would-be lodgers and a slim Jewess whose house, twice raided within the few months past, again had a "To-let" sign on the door. "Where do you work?" was her first question, and one girl answered that she was in a cigar factory, the other that "she worked downtown." They stood hesitating, shrinking back like prisoners before the bar rather than wage-earning women in search of rooms. The Jewess eyed them shrewdly, noting details of untidy dress, stocky figure, curly hair. Working girls of their type, she thought, were not sufficiently promising customers. Finally she said, "Well my rooms are \$2.50 a week, and I might as well tell you that I don't allow no companies, no gentlemen friends and no lady friends. I can't be having no noise and talking in my house. Now if you want to see the rooms, you can see them." The barren outlook afforded by dingy rooms in which there can be "no companies," is further darkened by the character of many of the neighborhoods where the "To-let" signs hang.

HER LIFE IN HER HOME

To the girl at home, the stimulus of her surroundings is slight and evening passes with an unbroken sameness. The homes cannot of themselves supply recreation. They are limited by mere lack of space. There is no opportunity for social intercourse, for conversation, except in connection with the family group that includes old and young. One is impressed by the lack of heart to make use of leisure, and the absence of more than sporadic efforts to enjoy free hours. "We just stay at home," one girl said, "we haven't anything else to do." For those who have both the vitality and the desire for pleasure, there are few opportunities for recreation except roller-skating rinks, picture shows and dance halls.

In recognition of this need of working women, outside agencies have been developed to supplement the imperfect opportunities of the home for social intercourse. There are settlements and semi-religious associations. How far their influence goes, it would be difficult to estimate. Their impalpable share in the life and thought of the community cannot be gauged by roll-books or class records. The classes of these institutions in millinery, fancy work, sewing and cooking in most cases are not for industrial training but to overcome the pitiful inadequacy of an experience that includes only factory work and leaves no time for a girl to learn the trade of housekeeping before she undertakes it. Dancing and gymnasium work are also very usual features of their work as well as the

maintenance of clubs and reading rooms. Classes in trade training and manual work have constantly to battle against weariness at the end of a working day, and they cannot be really creative. The purely social clubs scarcely reach to the great numbers among whom, except for profit, there is no social heaven waiting.

THE USE OF LEISURE

There were in Pittsburgh in 1907, 22,355 working women in factories and stores, headlined in this census, yet of this number only 258, less than 2 per cent, were in touch with a center for social development and recreation, either in the play or re-creating sense. Even a little leisure is a by-product of life too valuable to waste, and the community is the loser if the free hour is spent only in weariness or some undesirable form of entertainment.

Nickelodeons and dance halls and skating rinks are in no sense inherent evils, but so long as those maintained for profit are the only relief for nervous weariness and the desire for stimulation, they may well reckon leisure a thing spent, not used. The economic elements take a toll from the people's income, disproportionate to the income gained. They divert, and to the working girl, diversion is essential.

I shall not soon forget a Saturday evening when I stood and watched men and women packed thick at the entrance of every picture show. A crowd of waiting people filled the vestibule and even part of the sidewalk. They were determined to be amusements, and this was one of the things labeled "amusement." They were hot and tired and irritable but willing to wait for their chance to get in. Is not this eagerness as well worth conserving as any roller fall that makes electricity or drives a mill? In large measure today, working women are spending their leisure, not using it. The beginning whereby they may use it is already made. How rapidly this trend shall increase, depends in part on the choice of the working women and the character of their industrial life, and in part on the social foresight of the community—exclusive service the Survey Press bureau.

SIX BEST SELLING BOOKS.

RECORD FOR AUGUST.

According to reports from the leading book sellers of the country, the six books (fiction), which have sold best in the order of demand during the month are:

1. The Wild Olive, Anon. \$1.50
 2. The Rosary, Barclay. \$1.25
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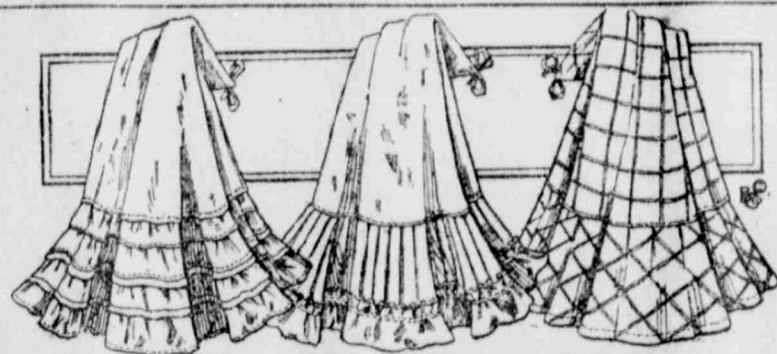
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SILK PETTICOATS

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Children's Dresses

Here is a sample of Children's dresses. Being samples, there is, of course, only one of each style, in sizes ranging from 7 to 16, of wool, French serge, cloth mixtures, worsted, Panamas, etc. Regular values go as high as \$10.00 and more. Sale price

\$5.75



Champ Clark Promises to Drive Span of Missouri Mules to Capitol if Elected.



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Champ Clark is first of all a Missourian. He is also a member of congress and is planning to be elected speaker of the house of representatives at the next session of congress. Besides this, he promises to drive a span of real Missouri mules down Pennsylvania avenue when he is elected speaker. Whether there will be signs of "Keep Off the Grass" displayed about the White House is unknown, but as Mr. Clark is not saying anything about his intentions as to the presidential chair there is reason to believe that he will be allowed to proceed as leisurely as he pleases toward the capitol with the mules when the time comes, if it does. He recently told a crowd of visitors at a homecoming in Missouri that Missouri had taken a back seat too long; that it never had a president, vice president, a justice of the supreme court or a speaker of the house. "It is time we had all of these officers, and I'm going to see to it that we get one of them right away," he added.

Helena Man, Strong as a Mule, Wants to Find a Loving Wife

Up in Helena, Mont., is a young man who is pining for love. He doesn't care for money (not altogether). He doesn't care for looks. All he wants is love with a big L. So strong has become the call of the little love god that he has written a letter to Chief of Police Barlow asking him to find a fair one to share his dreams. This would-be Lothario is named Joe Alexandrov. His description of himself is, to say the least, a very striking one. Chief Barlow has deputized a morning newspaper man with much experience in such matters to find a Lady Beautiful for this gay Lochinvar from Helena. His letter follows:

"Do you know of a widow or lady between 25 and 40 around your city who would like to marry a big, strong

young man of 25 years of age, Irish, 6 feet tall, grey eyes.

"One who has never kissed any girl or any woman but his mother since he can remember, don't gamble, never tasted beer, only twice in life have I tasted whisky and am as strong as a mule, weigh 135 pounds; would prefer widow who has a farm or lady who has some kind of business that needs a man around don't want a woman to think I want money. I want love—love that is what I am looking for. Am not a pretty boy, but will pass in review with the most of them. I don't want good looks. Some one to be kind, happy, and loving. You will be doing a favor that will not be forgotten if you will help me.

"And any lady who writes me if we do not suit each other her letter or picture will be returned and no one, but she, myself and God will ever know."

EMERGENCY ROOM.

Innovation Installed by Management Of Z. C. M. I. in New Store.

The formal opening of Z. C. M. I.'s new store on South Temple street next Monday afternoon will introduce to the public of Salt Lake City an innovation entirely new to the intermountain country—an emergency room. The purpose of this room is to provide a convenient place for patrons or employees becoming suddenly ill or meeting with accident to immediately be given first aid.

The emergency room adjoins the ladies' rest room and has been equipped under the personal supervision of one of Salt Lake's leading surgeons, who will be at the call of the store at any hour of the day. Every modern appliance necessary for emergency work will be right at hand—an adjustable bed, surgical case, bandages, etc.

Accidents frequently prove fatal or are considerably aggravated through lack of attention right at the moment and the emergency room will overcome such difficulties as far as Z. C. M. I. is concerned in the future.

Considerable interest is being manifested in this new addition to the big store.

OWNER NEVER MADE CLAIM.

So Expressman Turned Trunk Over to The Police.

Peter Kroch, an expressman, who lives at 722 south Second West street, reports to the police that he was accosted on the street about three years ago by a man who asked him to store a trunk. Kroch took the trunk and was to get 50 cents each month for storing it. Hearing nothing from the man, he brought the trunk in to police headquarters this morning. It contained odds and ends of women's wearing apparel and some baby clothes. The name of Miss Berz Hart was on a card found in the old trunk. It gave her address as "Placerville, Nevada courts." The police told Kroch to hold the trunk for three weeks more and if the owner failed to claim it to sell it for his storage charges.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

When the executive committee of the student body of the University of Utah meets this afternoon, a rollmaster will be elected and the students will be called together and drilled on yells for the football season. The committee is also in search of a room for student body headquarters.

The Woman's Athletic association was organized this morning at a meeting held at the university and officers elected for the first half year. Miss Edna Hull is president; Miss Julia Curtis, vice-president; and Miss Florence Summerhays, manager. The association members will play basketball, tennis, indoor baseball, and track and field work.

The Dramatic association announced its play for the year this morning and work will begin on the production in the near future. It is entitled "The Professor's Love Story." Miss Maud May Balcock will stage the play and select the cast.

The Rev. W. H. Paden will deliver an

address at chapel exercises at 11:30 o'clock Friday morning.

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